

Remarks

Claims 12-14 and 17-23 are pending in the application, of which claims 22 and 23 are withdrawn. Claim 21 is allowed and claims 12-14 and 17-20 are rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, however by this paper, amends claims 12, 18, and 20; and cancels claims 14, 17, 19, 22, and 23.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Rejection of Claims 12-14 and 17-20 Over Grazziotin in View of Nestler

The Examiner has rejected claims 12-14 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Grazziotin (US 7,080,751), hereinafter "Grazziotin" in view of Nestler (US 3,512,338), hereinafter "Nestler".

By this paper, claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 20, which depends from claim 21. Therefore, claim 12 is nonobvious over Grazziotin and Nestler for depending from an allowed claim.

Claim 13 depends from claim 12, and therefore is nonobvious over Grazziotin and Nestler for at least the reasons stated above for claim 12.

Claims 14 and 17 are cancelled by this paper.

By this paper, claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 21. Therefore claim 18 is nonobvious over Grazziotin and Nestler for depending from an allowed claim.

Claim 19 is cancelled by this paper.

By this paper, claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 21. Therefore claim 20 is nonobvious over Grazziotin and Nestler for depending from an allowed claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 21 has been allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

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